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LIKE A PLUMMETING HAWK, A WINGED SHAPE SWOOPS DOWN AT A STEEL "FISH"...

THERE IT IS... **BLACKJACK'S** PIRATE SUBMARINE -- THE ONE THAT'S BEEN RAIDING THE SHIPPING LANES!

THE **BAT-PLANE!** SUBMERGE -- AT ONCE!

BATMAN, THE SUB'S DESCENDING -- AND HEADING OUT TO SEA!

IF SHE DOESN'T GO TOO FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP HER SPOTTED, PROVIDING THE WEATHER DOESN'T STOP US! THERE'S A STORM BREWING!

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INDEED, LIKE A GIANT HAND, THE STORM STRIKES SUDDENLY, SEIZING AND SHAKING THE BAT-PLANE IN ITS GRIP!
BOOM
BUFFETED AND RIPPED BY THE RAGING STORM, THE MIGHTY LITTLE CRAFT STRUGGLES ON, BUT...
THE MOTOR'S CONKING OUT, ROBIN... I'LL HAVE TO SET HER DOWN!
AND, AS THEY RIDE THE PITCHING WAVES...
BATMAN, I'M GOING TO RADIO FOR HELP!
NO USE, ROBIN-- THE RADIO'S WRECKED! WE'LL HAVE TO SIT TIGHT AND GO WHEREVER THE STORM TAKES US!
AT DAWN, THE WEATHER CLEARS -- AND BORNE BY THE ROLLING SEA, THE BAT-PLANE DRIFTS FOR COUNTLESS MILES, UNTIL...
ROBIN-- LOOK--UNDER THAT BIG, LOW-HANGING CLOUD AHEAD!
YES...LAND!
SEAWEED, TOO-- MILES OF SEAWEED... AND THERE ARE SHIPS CAUGHT IN IT!
GREAT SCOTT! I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A LEGEND--BUT IT'S REAL! ROBIN, THAT'S A PLACE OF LOST SHIPS -- A SARGASSO SEA!
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DRAWN BY SOME MYSTERIOUS CURRENT, THE BAT-PLANE RIDES INTO THE GRIP OF THE SARGASSO SEA -- AND A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE...
WELCOME ABOARD, MATEYS! CAPTAIN JOLLY ROGER IS MY NAME -- AND WITH ME IS ERIK AND FLAVIUS, ALL COME TO WELCOME YE TO OUR LITTLE COLONY!
IT--IT CAN'T BE! A BUCCANEER--A VIKING--A ROMAN... STILL ALIVE--AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
ABOARD THE PIRATE BARK, THE NEWCOMERS HEAR MORE OF THE MYSTERIOUS WATERWAY...
ERIK'S DRAGON-SHIP AND FLAVIUS' GALLEY--LIKE MY CRAFT AND OTHERS HERE, WERE TRAPPED CENTURIES AGO! THE SEAWEED EMITS A STRANGE VAPOR THAT KEEPS US FOREVER ALIVE! EVEN OUR CLOTHES DO NOT WEAR OUT!
BUT HASN'T ANYONE EVER TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM HERE?
AYE, MANY TIMES--BUT THE SARGASSO HOLDS OUR SAILING CRAFT FIRM! DO NOT THINK OF ESCAPE, MATEYS--LIKE US, YE'RE MAROONED HERE FOR ALL TIME!
TRAPPED HERE--FOREVER? OH, NO...
ONCE, LIKE YOU, WE DESPAIRED--BUT NOW WE ARE CONTENT! HERE, THERE ARE NO WARS, NO HATREDS! HERE, WE ALL LIVE IN PEACE! TRULY, WE ARE THE LUCKY ONES--FOR HERE WE HAVE FOUND A PARADISE!
HAW! YOU FOUND A PARADISE--AND WE FOUND A TEMPORARY HIDEOUT!
BLACKJACK! SO YOUR SUB WAS DAMAGED IN THE STORM, TOO!
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN... WE WERE LOOKING FOR THEM--NOW WE FOUND THEM!
HUH?
OOF!
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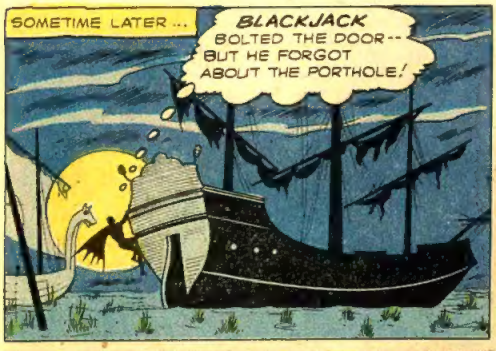
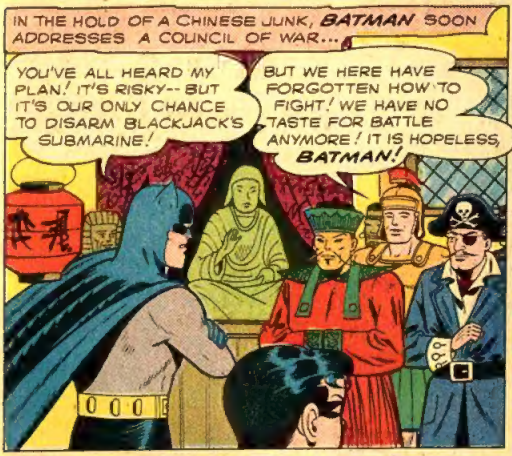
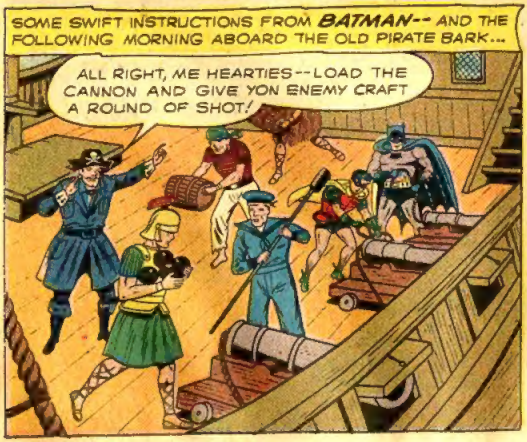
AMID FANTASTIC TRAPPINGS, BATMAN AND ROBIN CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY...
SHIVER ME TIMBERS! NEVER HAVE I SEEN TWO SUCH FIGHTERS AS THESE!
BUT UPON HITTING THE WATERS, THE WILY BLACKJACK SWIFTLY SWIMS TO HIS SUB, AND...
HOLD IT, BATMAN-- OR THE NEXT BURST WILL BE RIGHT AT YOUR PALS ON DECK!
A WEAPON THAT SPEAKS WITH THE THUNDER OF ODIN!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
HELPLESS AGAINST THAT THREAT, THE PAIR MUST SUBMIT...
SAILING SHIPS MAY STAY STUCK HERE-- BUT SOMEDAY THE BAT-PLANE WILL GET US AWAY, WHEN WE REPAIR IT! JOLLY ROGER, YOU'RE A PIRATE LIKE ME... HOW ABOUT JOINING MY CREW?
NEVER, YE THIEVIN' SHARK! MY DAYS OF PLUNDERIN' ARE OVER! THE CENTURIES HERE HAVE MADE ME ASHAMED OF MY PAST, BLACKJACK!
BAH! LOCK BATMAN AND ROBIN BELOW! AS FOR THE REST OF YOU, TELL YOUR PEOPLE I'M IN CHARGE NOW-- AND I HAVE THE GUNS TO PROVE IT!
THAT NIGHT, HOWEVER, IN THE HOLD OF THE PIRATE BARK...
WHY DO YOU KEEP FEELING THE FLOOR WITH YOUR FINGERS?
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A LOOSE PLANK-- AND I'VE FOUND ONE!
WITH A SURGE OF STRENGTH, BATMAN RIPS UP THE LOOSE PLANK...
NOW, BY WORKING THIS ROPE AGAINST THE NAIL, I'LL RIP ONE STRAND LOOSE AT A TIME, UNTIL MY HANDS ARE FREE!


SOMETIME LATER ...
BLACKJACK BOLTED THE DOOR-- BUT HE FORGOT ABOUT THE PORTHOLE!

SHORTLY, UP ON THE DECK...
WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS SENTRY ANYMORE! NOW LET'S FIND JOLLY ROGER AND HAVE HIM CALL A SECRET MEETING OF THE SARGASSO COLONY!
OOF!


IN THE HOLD OF A CHINESE JUNK, BATMAN SOON ADDRESSES A COUNCIL OF WAR...
YOU'VE ALL HEARD MY PLAN! IT'S RISKY-- BUT IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO DISARM BLACKJACK'S SUBMARINE!
BUT WE HERE HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO FIGHT! WE HAVE NO TASTE FOR BATTLE ANYMORE! IT IS HOPELESS, BATMAN!

HOPELESS? WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE IN FEAR-- AS SLAVES OF BLACKJACK?
YOU ARE RIGHT! WE MUST FIGHT!
AYE, MATEY-- TELL US WHAT TO DO!


SOME SWIFT INSTRUCTIONS FROM BATMAN-- AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING ABOARD THE OLD PIRATE BARK...
ALL RIGHT, ME HEARTIES-- LOAD THE CANNON AND GIVE YON ENEMY CRAFT A ROUND OF SHOT!

NEXT INSTANT, ANCIENT CANNON THAT ONCE SPOKE FOR PIRACY-- NOW SPEAK FOR FREEDOM!
BOOM!
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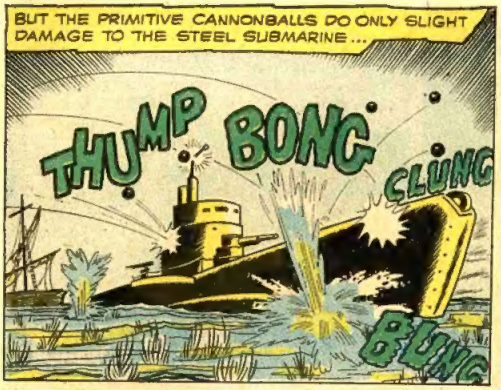
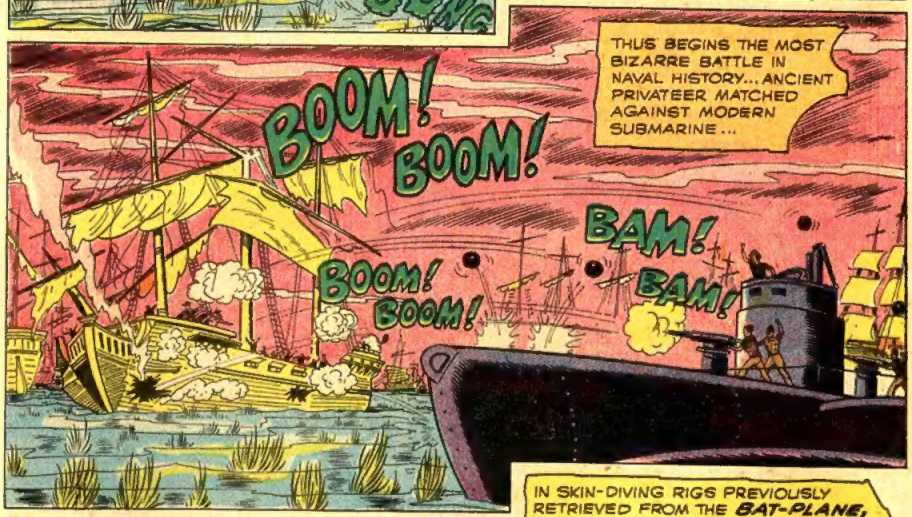
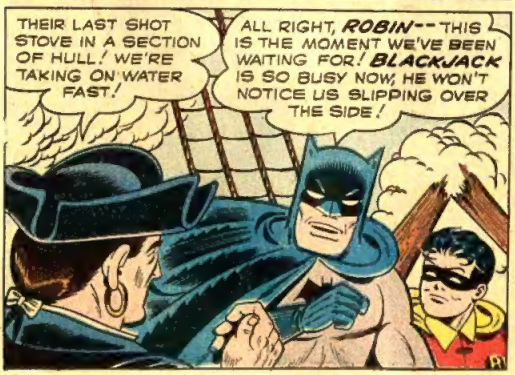
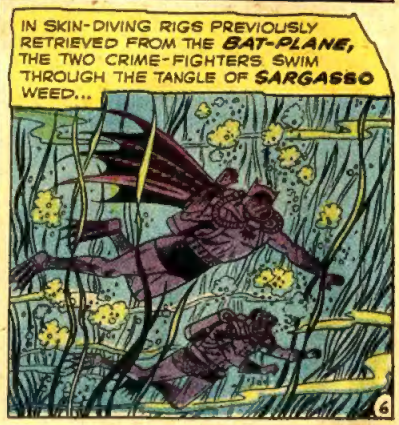

BUT THE PRIMITIVE CANNONBALLS DO ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE STEEL SUBMARINE...
THUMP
BONG
CLUNG
BLUNG

SO... IT'S A WAR THEY WANT, EH? C'MON, BOYS -- MAN THOSE DECK GUNS! WE'LL BLOW THAT OLD HULK RIGHT OUT OF THE SEAWEED!


THUS BEGINS THE MOST BIZARRE BATTLE IN NAVAL HISTORY... ANCIENT PRIVATEER MATCHED AGAINST MODERN SUBMARINE...
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BAM!
BAM!


THEIR LAST SHOT STOVE IN A SECTION OF HULL! WE'RE TAKING ON WATER FAST!
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN -- THIS IS THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! BLACKJACK IS SO BUSY NOW, HE WON'T NOTICE US SLIPPING OVER THE SIDE!


IN SKIN-DIVING RIGS PREVIOUSLY RETRIEVED FROM THE BAT-PLANE, THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS SWIM THROUGH THE TANGLE OF SARGASSO WEED...

SOON, UNNOTICED BY THE SUB PIRATES BUSY WITH BATTLE, TWO FIGURES RISE BEHIND THEM...
THAT'S IT--KEEP FIRING! MAKE SPLINTERS OUT OF THAT OLD HULK!
BAM
BAM
LIKE TWIN FURIES, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS STRIKE ...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! HOLD THEM! KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE GUNS!
GET SET, ME HEARTIES! BATMAN AND ROBIN 'ARE KEEPIN' THESE SHARKS BUSY-- AS PLANNED! NOW 'TIS OUR TURN TO BOARD THAT CRAFT!
WITHIN MINUTES, THE BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS SWARMS OVER THE ENEMY SUB...
NOW, YE SWABS--YE'LL HAVE US TO DEAL WITH, TOO!
I SHALL THROW YOU LIKE THE HAMMER OF THOR!
AH, IF ONLY MIGHTY CAESAR COULD SEE ME NOW!
BANG!
SURRENDER, YE THIEVIN' SEA SQUID!

LATER, AFTER THE SMASHING VICTORY, BATMAN, TURNS HIS THOUGHTS TO A PLAN OF ESCAPE FROM THE SARGASSO'S GRIP...
SO, YE MEAN TO LEAVE US?
AFTER I REPAIR THE BAT-PLANE'S MOTOR, AND CUT THE SEAWEED AWAY FROM THE UNDERCARRIAGE! THEN I'LL NEED SOME HELP FROM YOU MEN...
NEXT DAY, WHEN ALL IS READY...
YOU'RE SURE YOU WANT TO KEEP BLACKJACK AND HIS CREW HERE?
AYE... NOW THAT THEY ARE WEAPONLESS, THEY'LL BE TAME-- AND TIME HERE WILL CURE THEM OF EVIL-- AS IT DID ME! GOOD VOYAGE TO YE, BATMAN AND ROBIN... WE'LL NEVER FORGET YE!
PRESENTLY, WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR OF ITS MOTORS, THE BAT-PLANE RUSHES FORWARD AND SKYWARD, FREE OF THE SARGASSO SEA!
IT WORKED, ROBIN! THE WOODEN AIRSTRIP STRETCHED ACROSS THE SARGASSO, DID THE TRICK AS I HOPED!
STRANGE THAT NONE OF THE SARGASSO COLONY WANTED TO LEAVE WITH US...
NOT SO STRANGE FOR MEN LIVING TOGETHER IN ETERNAL PEACE! THAT'S WHY WE MUST KEEP ITS LOCATION A SECRET, ROBIN-- UNTIL THE WORLD IS READY TO FOLLOW ITS EXAMPLE!
THE END

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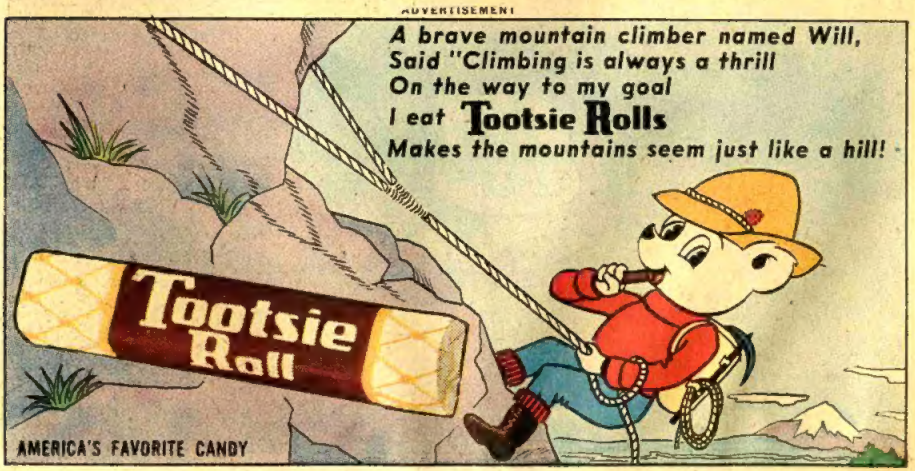
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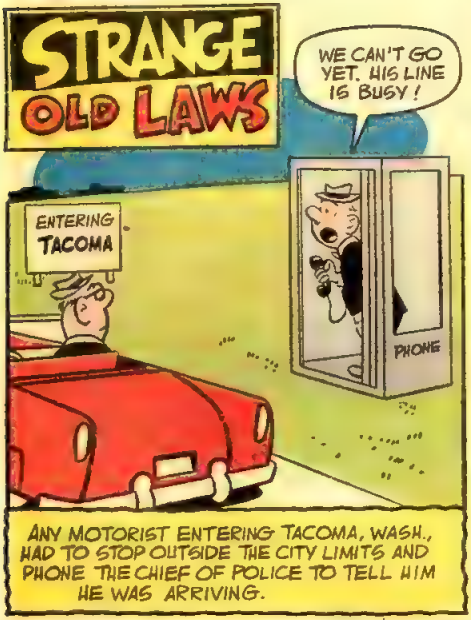

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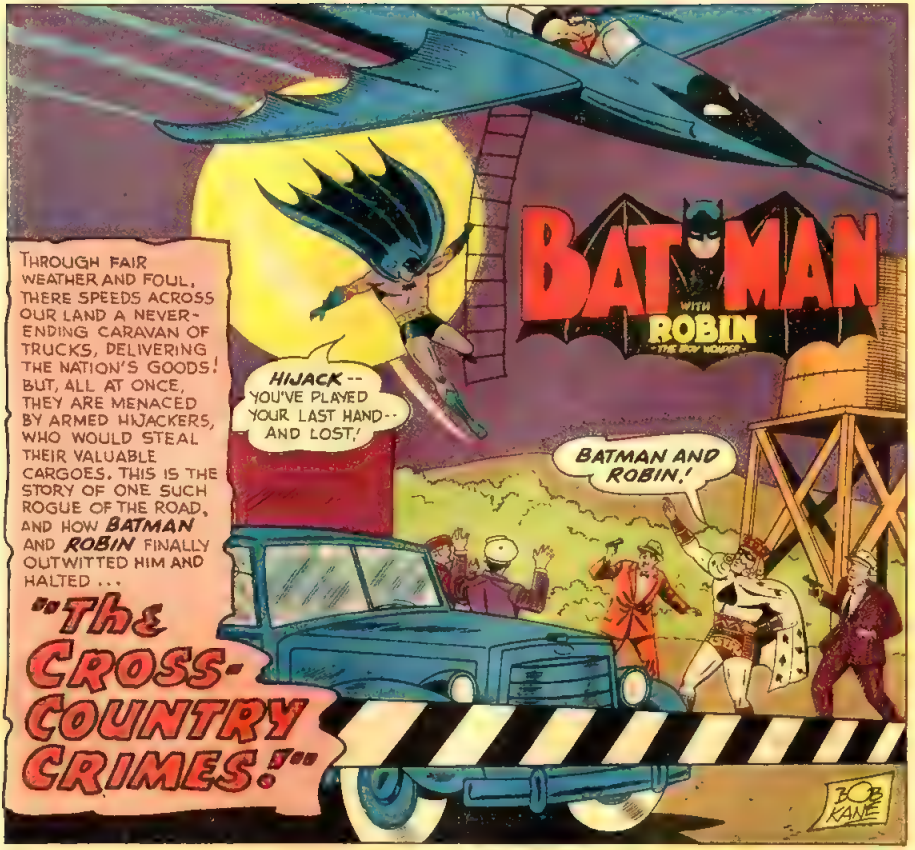
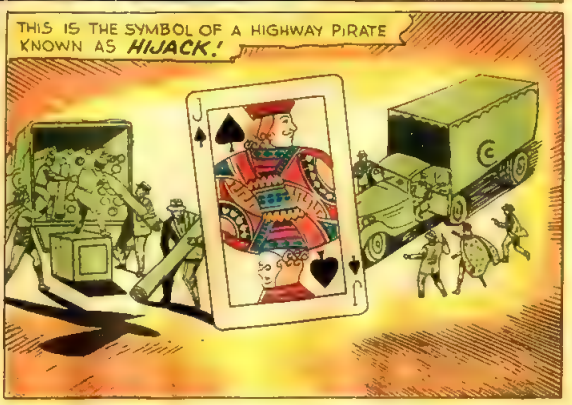

BATMAN WITH ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
THROUGH FAIR WEATHER AND FOUL, THERE SPEEDS ACROSS OUR LAND A NEVER-ENDING CARAVAN OF TRUCKS, DELIVERING THE NATION'S GOODS! BUT, ALL AT ONCE, THEY ARE MENACED BY ARMED HIJACKERS, WHO WOULD STEAL THEIR VALUABLE CARGOES. THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE SUCH ROGUE OF THE ROAD, AND HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN FINALLY OUTWITTED HIM AND HALTED ...
"The CROSS-COUNTRY CRIMES!"
HIJACK -- YOU'VE PLAYED YOUR LAST HAND-- AND LOST.'
BATMAN AND ROBIN.'
BOB KANE

ON A HIGHWAY, ONE NIGHT, A PLAYING CARD IS PINNED TO A LOOTED TRUCK...
MY TRADEMARK.'


THIS IS THE SYMBOL OF A HIGHWAY PIRATE KNOWN AS HIJACK.'

AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF ***HIJACK'S*** CRIMES, THE OWNER OF THE ***CROSS-COUNTRY TRUCKING COMPANY*** CONFERS WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, ***BATMAN*** AND ***ROBIN***, THE BOY WONDER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

SOMEHOW ***HIJACK*** KNOWS EACH TIME ONE OF MY TRUCKS CARRIES AN ESPECIALLY VALUABLE CARGO.'

MAYBE ***HIJACK*** IS GETTING ***INSIDE*** INFORMATION! NOTIFY US OF YOUR NEXT VALUABLE SHIPMENT, MR. CARTER--AND ***ROBIN*** AND I WILL SECRETLY TRAIL YOUR TRUCK!'

THE NEXT NIGHT, AT THE TERMINAL, AS A HUGE DIESEL TRUCK HEADS FOR THE OPEN HIGHWAY...

WELL, SHORTY, OUR TANK IS FULL OF PUSH WATER--HERE WE GO ON ANOTHER RUN!'

YEAH, GEARS--AND LET'S HOPE WE DON'T GET ANY FLAT SKINS!'

IN TRUCKERS' SLANG, "***PUSH WATER***" IS ***GASOLINE*** AND "***SKINS***" MEANS ***TIRES***!'

AS THE VEHICLE LUMBERS ALONG, HIGH OVERHEAD A BAT-WINGED CRAFT KEEPS PACE...

ROBIN, THAT TRUCK IS CARRYING VALUABLE PLATINUM.' IF ***HIJACK*** WAS TIPPED OFF BY SOMEONE IN CARTER'S COMPANY, HE WON'T PASS UP THAT CARGO--SO LET'S BE READY.'

SUDDENLY, AS AN ONCOMING TRUCK APPROACHES...

BATMAN, LOOK--CARTER'S DRIVER IS FLASHING THE BLINKER LIGHT THREE TIMES AT THAT ONCOMING TRUCK! IT MUST BE A SIGNAL.'

BUT, DOWN FROM THE SKY SWOOPS AN AVENGING SHAPE--THE ***BAT-PLANE***!

I SET THE ROBOT STABILIZERS.' LET'S GO, ***ROBIN***!'

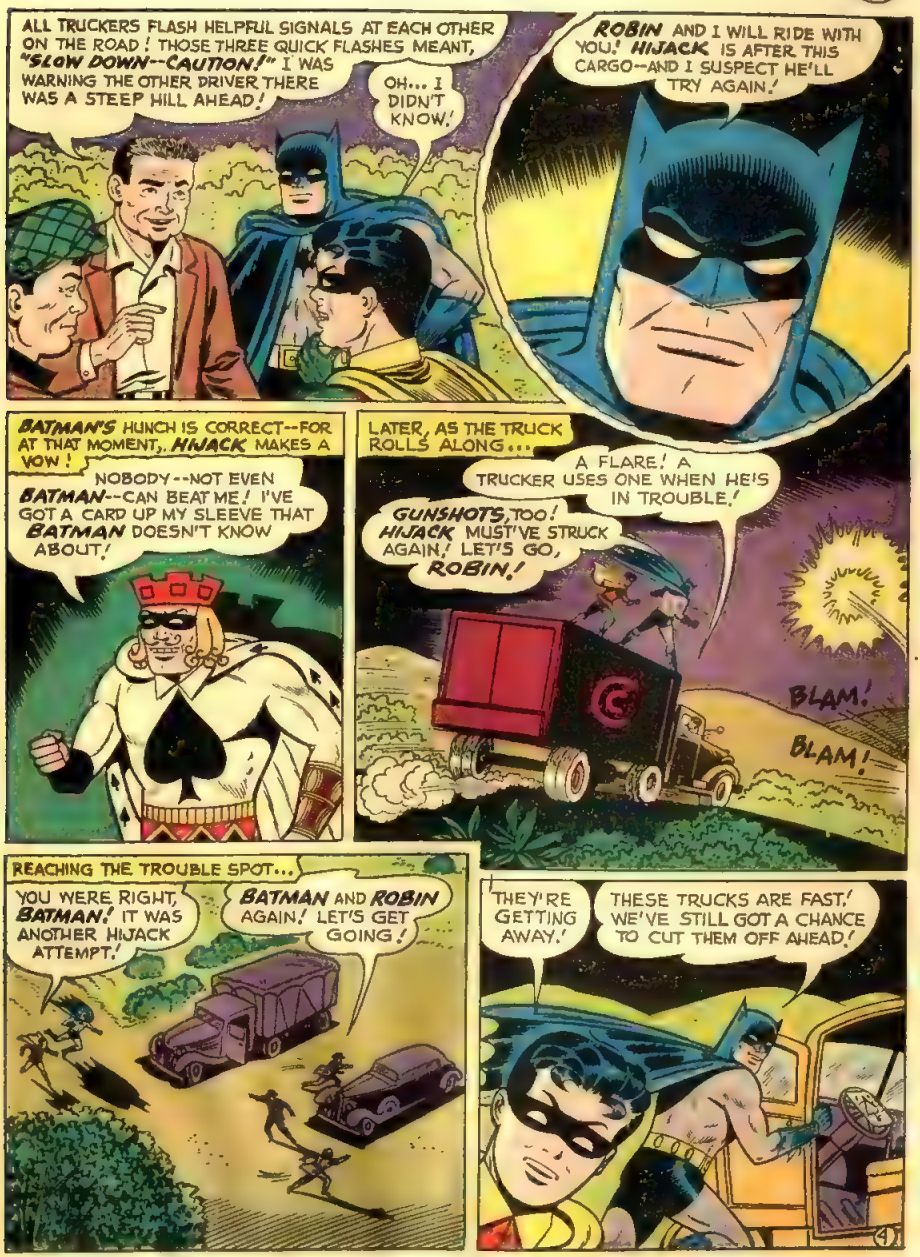
BATMAN! SHOOT HIM.'

SOON AFTER, THE TRUCK STOPS AT A RAILROAD CROSSING--WHEN, ALL AT ONCE...

NO TRAIN IS COMING! WE PULLED THE GATES DOWN TO MAKE YOU STOP.'

ULP! IT'S ***HIJACK***!'

INSTANTLY, BATMAN'S FIST HURLS HIJACK BACK...
YOU MAY BE HIJACK--BUT I'M THE KING OF CLUBS.
OOF! GET HIM, MEN--GET HIM.
YOU'RE THROUGH, BATMAN. PUT YOUR HANDS UP.
I'D RATHER PUT UP THIS ARM INSTEAD.
OWCH!
YIPE!
AS ANOTHER THUG AIMS AT HIS ALLY, ROBIN LEAPS FROM THE ROPE LADDER TO THE WATER TANK, AND...
IT ISN'T SATURDAY NIGHT, BUT A CHARACTER LIKE YOU CAN USE A SHOWER ANYWAY.
GLUB!
SUDDENLY, HIJACK THROWS HIS ACE-IN-THE-HOLE...
SMOKE BOMB!
COME ON, MEN--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
AFTER THE THIEVES ESCAPE...
YOU TIPPED OFF HIJACK. WE SAW YOU FLASHING A SIGNAL AT THAT OTHER TRUCK. IT WAS PROBABLY USED BY HIJACK TO GET INFORMATION.
NO--NO! YOU'RE WRONG! SURE--I FLASHED THE BLINKER LIGHT--BUT NOT FOR WHAT YOU THINK.


ALL TRUCKERS FLASH HELPFUL SIGNALS AT EACH OTHER ON THE ROAD! THOSE THREE QUICK FLASHES MEANT, "SLOW DOWN--CAUTION!" I WAS WARNING THE OTHER DRIVER THERE WAS A STEEP HILL AHEAD!
OH... I DIDN'T KNOW!
ROBIN AND I WILL RIDE WITH YOU! HIJACK IS AFTER THIS CARGO--AND I SUSPECT HE'LL TRY AGAIN!
BATMAN'S HUNCH IS CORRECT--FOR AT THAT MOMENT, HIJACK MAKES A VOW!
NOBODY--NOT EVEN BATMAN--CAN BEAT ME! I'VE GOT A CARD UP MY SLEEVE THAT BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT!
LATER, AS THE TRUCK ROLLS ALONG...
A FLARE! A TRUCKER USES ONE WHEN HE'S IN TROUBLE!
GUNSHOTS, TOO! HIJACK MUST'VE STRUCK AGAIN! LET'S GO, ROBIN!
BLAM!
BLAM!
REACHING THE TROUBLE SPOT...
YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN! IT WAS ANOTHER HIJACK ATTEMPT!
BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN! LET'S GET GOING!
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
THESE TRUCKS ARE FAST! WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE TO CUT THEM OFF AHEAD!

BUT A MESSAGE AWAITS BATMAN AT THE WHEEL OF THE CAB...
HIJACK!
BATMAN, THIS "HOLDUP" WAS A DECOY TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY! I WON THIS GAME AFTER ALL!
AT THAT MOMENT, HIJACK LOBS A GRENADE, WHICH EXPLODES AND PARTS THE COUPLER AND HITCH-CHAIN HOLDING THE CARTER TRUCK AND TRAILER TOGETHER...
BOOM!!
DOWN THE STEEP HILL ROLLS THE RUNAWAY TRAILER, TO CAREEN OFF THE HIGHWAY AND...
THE TRAILER CRACKED OPEN--JUST LIKE I EXPECTED! QUICK--LET'S GET THE CARGO AND BEAT IT BEFORE BATMAN GETS BACK!
CRASH!
HOURS LATER, THE HIJACKED TRUCK RIDES BACK TO THE TERMINAL--A SIGN OF DEFEAT FOR BATMAN!
I WON'T BE BEATEN BY HIJACK, ROBIN! I'LL FIND OUT HOW HE'S GETTING HIS INSIDE INFORMATION--AND WHEN I DO--I'LL GET HIM!
LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...
HIJACK'S SYMBOL IS THE JACK OF SPADES! JACK--SPADE! OF COURSE! ROBIN, A CROOK NAMED JACK SPADE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON LAST MONTH!
THAT'S IT! HIJACK IS JACK SPADE! WE'VE GOT SOME DATA ON HIM IN OUR FILE!
A MICRO-FILM SLIDE SOON GIVES BATMAN HIS FIRST LEAD...
JACK SPADE: THREE ARRESTS, THREE CONVICTIONS. USING EXPLOSIVES IN AN ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK, SPADE WAS DEAFENED. HIS HEARING RETURNED TWO YEARS LATER, ON HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON.
ROBIN, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LISTEN...

NEXT MORNING, IN CARTER'S OFFICE AT THE TRUCK TERMINAL...
MR. CARTER--YOU SAY THAT TONIGHT YOU'RE SENDING OUT A TRUCK WITH A CARGO OF SILVER PLATE! WHEN THAT TRUCK LEAVES, ROBIN AND I WILL BE HIDING INSIDE THE TRAILER.'
YOU EXPECT TO TAKE HIJACK BY SURPRISE WHEN HE OPENS THE TRAILER? GOOD IDEA, BATMAN!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
YEAH, BATMAN--A VERY GOOD IDEA--BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE SURPRISED.'
THAT NIGHT, ON THE HIGHWAY...
NO TROUBLE YET!
NO--BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING IT'LL COME SOON.'
A SUDDEN BURST OF GUNFIRE HERALDS THE APPEARANCE OF HIJACK! THEN, AS THE TRUCK STOPS...
CLIMB OUT--OR THE NEXT SHOTS WON'T BE OVER YOUR HEADS.'
WE MADE SURE YOUR TRUCK STOPPED RIGHT OVER DYNAMITE WE PLANTED IN THE ROAD.'
D-DYNAMITE? I AIN'T NO HERO! LET'S GET OUTA HERE, SHORTY.'
YOU SAID IT, GEARS!
BATMAN AND ROBIN--WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THE TRAILER! WE'RE GONNA BLOW IT UP RIGHT NOW--IF YOU TRY TO JUMP OUT THE TRAILER DOORS, OUR GUNS WILL BLAST YOU.' EITHER WAY, YOU'RE FINISHED!
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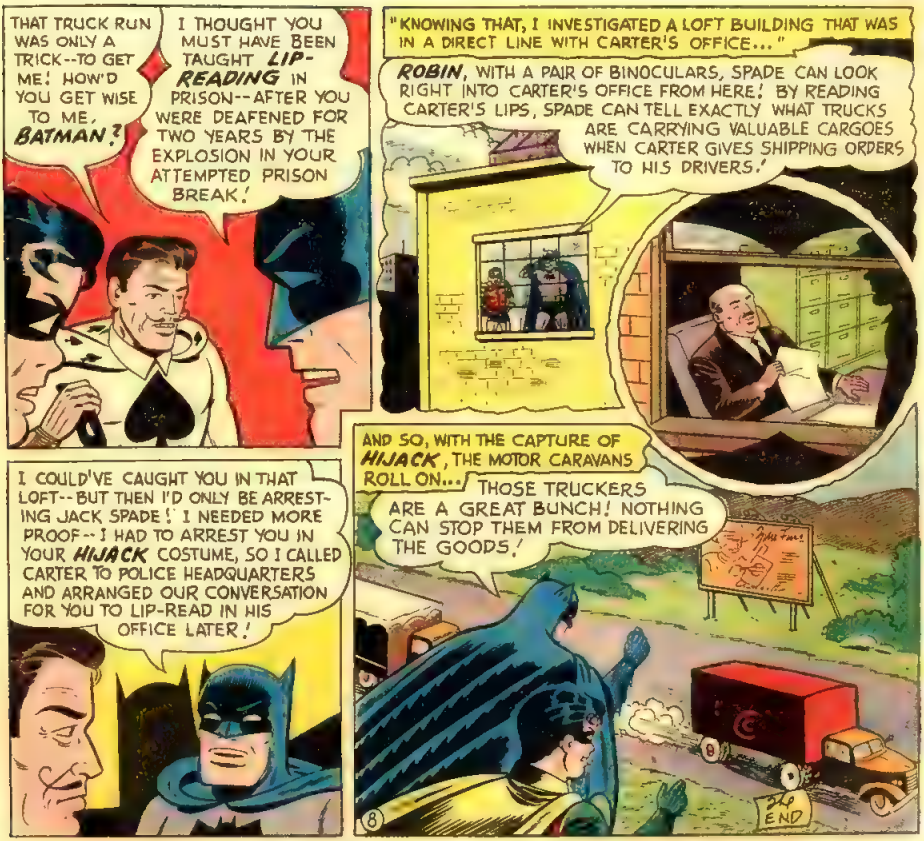
HIJACK'S HAND PUSHES THE DYNAMITE PLUNGER DOWN--AND A DEAFENING EXPLOSION ROCKS THE NIGHT!
THAT'S THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BOOM!
BUT, SUDDENLY, THE UNBELIEVABLE OCCURS AS TWO CAPED FIGURES CHARGE FROM THE SHADOWS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN--ALIVE!
THAT TRAILER WAS EMPTY! ROBIN AND I WERE DISGUISED AS GEARS AND SHORTY!
HIJACK'S PALS LOOK LIKE A SPILLED DECK OF CARDS NOW!
TIE THEM UP, ROBIN--I'M GOING AFTER HIJACK!
I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM IN TIME! HMMM--THIS TIRE WHICH BLEW OFF THE TRAILER...
WITH UNERRING ACCURACY, BATMAN ROLLS THE TIRE AT THE FLEEING BANDIT...
OOF!
HIJACK--IT'S TIME YOU RETIRED!
IT'S THE END OF THE GAME, HIJACK--AND YOU LOST!


THAT TRUCK RUN WAS ONLY A TRICK--TO GET ME! HOW'D YOU GET WISE TO ME, BATMAN?
I THOUGHT YOU MUST HAVE BEEN TAUGHT LIP-READING IN PRISON--AFTER YOU WERE DEAFENED FOR TWO YEARS BY THE EXPLOSION IN YOUR ATTEMPTED PRISON BREAK!
"KNOWING THAT, I INVESTIGATED A LOFT BUILDING THAT WAS IN A DIRECT LINE WITH CARTER'S OFFICE..."
ROBIN, WITH A PAIR OF BINOCULARS, SPADE CAN LOOK RIGHT INTO CARTER'S OFFICE FROM HERE! BY READING CARTER'S LIPS, SPADE CAN TELL EXACTLY WHAT TRUCKS ARE CARRYING VALUABLE CARGOES WHEN CARTER GIVES SHIPPING ORDERS TO HIS DRIVERS!
I COULD'VE CAUGHT YOU IN THAT LOFT--BUT THEN I'D ONLY BE ARRESTING JACK SPADE! I NEEDED MORE PROOF--I HAD TO ARREST YOU IN YOUR HIJACK COSTUME, SO I CALLED CARTER TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND ARRANGED OUR CONVERSATION FOR YOU TO LIP-READ IN HIS OFFICE LATER!
AND SO, WITH THE CAPTURE OF HIJACK, THE MOTOR CARAVANS ROLL ON...
THOSE TRUCKERS ARE A GREAT BUNCH! NOTHING CAN STOP THEM FROM DELIVERING THE GOODS!
END

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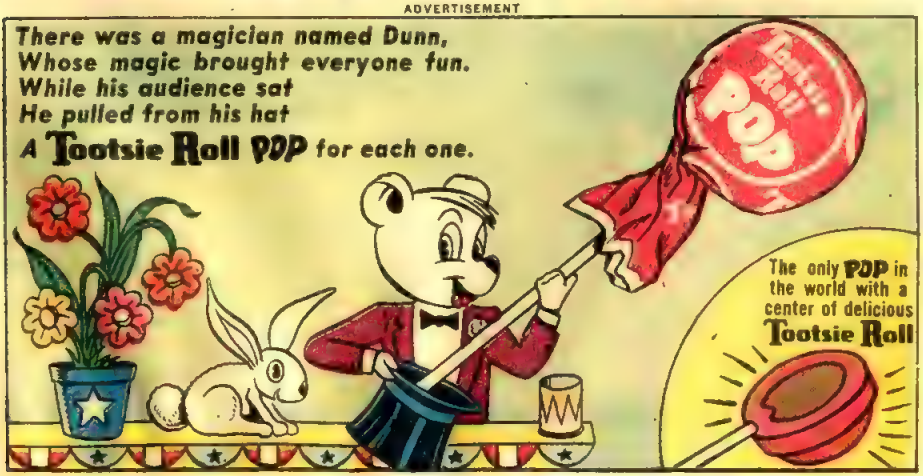
There was a magician named Dunn,
Whose magic brought everyone fun.
While his audience sat
He pulled from his hat
A Tootsie Roll POP for each one.



DOUBLE-DEALER IN DIAMONDS

THERE was a time, Pete Bishop reflected, when a cross-country airplane trip was a thing of pleasant relaxation. Now that a jet linked New York and California in a little more than five hours, he had hardly dozed off when the tropical trees fringing the field appeared in sudden contrast to the snow and cold he had left back at La Guardia.

He patted the case inside his jacket pocket reassuringly as he debarked, claimed his suitcase and hailed a cab. "The Sunbright Hotel, just outside Los Angeles," he told the driver, then fell back in his seat to give thought to the wonders of modern conveyances—and crime.

There couldn't be a hitch in this assignment. Since his retirement from the police force, he hadn't run into any serious trouble doing special investigative work for the big jewelry company that now employed him. And this job would be handled with such efficiency and dispatch that by tomorrow, he mused with a sigh of resignation, he would be returning to the wintry weather of Manhattan.

All he had to do was deliver the quarter-million dollar necklace to Mr. Joseph Eames in exchange for his certified check. A month ago, Eames had come into the shop, selected a diamond necklace, for which he promptly paid $175,000. "A present for my wife on our wedding anniversary," he had explained. "It's a little more than I planned to spend, but I know she'll like it."

A week later, a letter came from Los Angeles. It was an appal by Eames for another necklace that had to be precisely the same. In visiting his mother, the old lady had praised it to such an extent that he wanted to surprise her with a similar trinket on her birthday.

In vain, the shop made an extensive search of its possessions. In reply to an inquiry, Eames ordered the shop to question all the jewel merchants in the country, and to spare no expense. By a stroke of good fortune, a necklace of similar proportions and value was turned up by a jeweler in New York. "But," the shop wired Eames, "the asking price is $200,000."

Obviously flushed with victory, Eames had telephoned and ordered the shop to buy it without delay. Within an hour, the sale was confirmed. The shop had paid $200,000 in cash to the diamond dealer. And now Pete Bishop was en route to Mr. Eames to present him with the necklace for his mother in return for $200,000 plus $25,000, the shop's margin of profit.

The moment the hotel clerk told him that Mr. Eames had checked out a day ago, Pete Bishop realized that his employer had been swindled from the very start. True, Eames had paid for the first necklace, but had instigated a search for the duplicate—which, in fact, was the same necklace when offered for sale by an accomplice at $25,000 more than he had paid. Totally unaware of any chicanery, the shop had bought back its own necklace.

Next morning, Pete Bishop was back in New York. The temperature was freezing, but he was hot under the collar. As he'd expected, the New York contact had fled. "It may take some time," he had assured the shop, "but we'll catch up with those crooks."

A warning was distributed among all of the country's leading jewelers. The dragnet was effective. Two weeks later came a phone call from Chicago describing a customer who wanted to buy an exact copy of the ruby and diamond brooch he had recently purchased. Pete Bishop thought of the cheery California sunlight as his plane landed on the icy runway, but how much more satisfying was this trip, which would turn out to be a hot reception for Mr. Joseph Eames.

WARDEN WILLIS
THE SIREN! SOMEONE ESCAPED!
WHEEEEE!
WHAT HAPPENED ?
IT'S 7416, WARDEN! HE GOT OUT OF HIS CELL!
7416 ? LET ME HANDLE THAT SPOTLIGHT!
AH, THERE HE IS! HE'LL STAY IN THAT LIGHT UNTIL WE NAB HIM!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
BECAUSE HE'S AN OLD-TIME VAUDEVILLE ACTOR AND CAN'T RESIST THE SPOTLIGHT!
7416

The FAMILY FAVORITE!

HARRY, I WISH YOU'D GET YOUR TOOLS AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP THIS WINDOW FROM RATTLING.
AW, HAVE A HEART, MOM! I'M PICKING OUT RECORDS FOR LINDA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY! WHY CAN'T JIMMY DO IT?
BECAUSE YOU CAN DO IT BETTER. WHEN JIMMY'S OLDER, HE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS, TOO!
BESIDES, I'M GOING TO THE MOVIES NOW!
WHAT THAT KID GETS AWAY WITH! HE NEVER HAS TO DO ANYTHING! I BET YOU LIKE HIM BETTER THAN ME JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE YOUNGEST!
LATER THAT AFTERNOON...
DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR THINGS, JIMMY. I'D LIKE YOU TO GO TO THE STORE--I'VE RUN OUT OF MILK.
AW, MOM, I JUST GOT HOME FROM THE MOVIES--I'M TIRED... WHY CAN'T HARRY DO IT?
BECAUSE RUNNING ERRANDS LIKE THIS IS YOUR JOB, AND...
AND ANYWAY, I'M OFF TO MY PARTY NOW!
BOY, WHAT YOU GET AWAY WITH WHEN YOU'RE OLDER! HE NEVER HAS TO DO ANYTHING HE DOESN'T WANT TO! I THINK YOU LIKE HIM BETTER THAN ME JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE OLDEST!
I ASK YOU! WHAT'S A MOTHER GOING TO DO?

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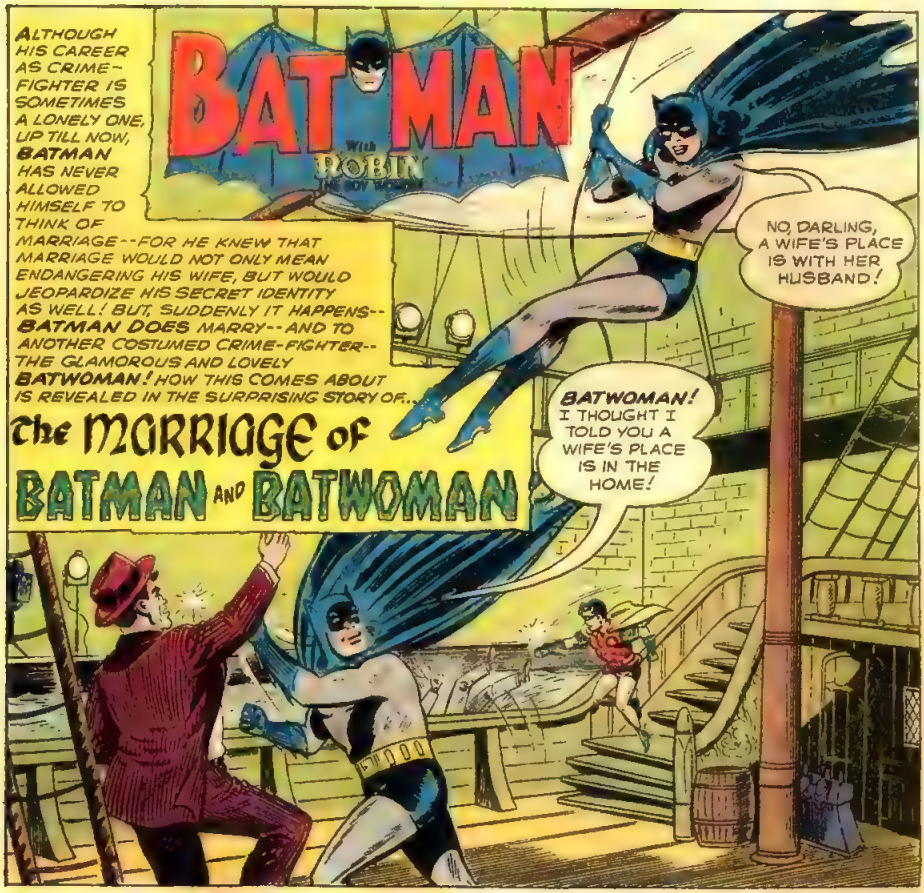
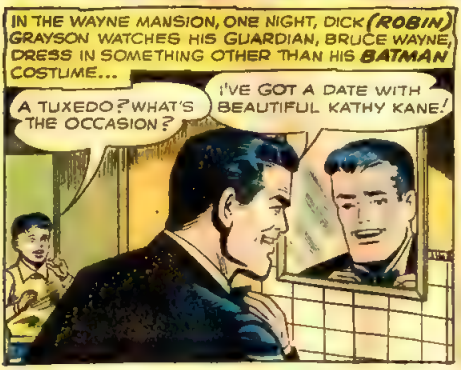
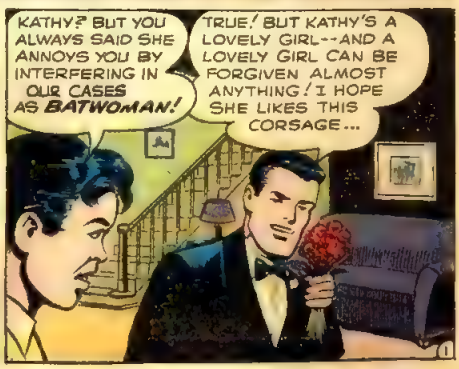

BATMAN
WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
ALTHOUGH HIS CAREER AS CRIME-FIGHTER IS SOMETIMES A LONELY ONE, UP TILL NOW, BATMAN HAS NEVER ALLOWED HIMSELF TO THINK OF MARRIAGE--FOR HE KNEW THAT MARRIAGE WOULD NOT ONLY MEAN ENDANGERING HIS WIFE, BUT WOULD JEOPARDIZE HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS WELL! BUT, SUDDENLY IT HAPPENS--BATMAN DOES MARRY--AND TO ANOTHER COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER--THE GLAMOROUS AND LOVELY BATWOMAN! HOW THIS COMES ABOUT IS REVEALED IN THE SURPRISING STORY OF...
The MARRIAGE of BATMAN AND BATWOMAN
NO, DARLING, A WIFE'S PLACE IS WITH HER HUSBAND!
BATWOMAN! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU A WIFE'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME!


IN THE WAYNE MANSION, ONE NIGHT, DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON WATCHES HIS GUARDIAN, BRUCE WAYNE, DRESS IN SOMETHING OTHER THAN HIS BATMAN COSTUME...
I'VE GOT A DATE WITH BEAUTIFUL KATHY KANE!
A TUXEDO? WHAT'S THE OCCASION?


KATHY? BUT YOU ALWAYS SAID SHE ANNOYS YOU BY INTERFERING IN OUR CASES AS BATWOMAN!
TRUE! BUT KATHY'S A LOVELY GIRL--AND A LOVELY GIRL CAN BE FORGIVEN ALMOST ANYTHING! I HOPE SHE LIKES THIS CORSAGE...

AFTER BRUCE LEAVES...
HMM-MM! BRUCE CERTAINLY IS FOND OF KATHY! GOSH--WHAT IF HE SHOULD FALL IN LOVE AND MARRY HER? BOY, WOULD THAT BREAK UP OUR PARTNERSHIP?
TICK TOCK TICK
IMAGINE--BRUCE MARRIED TO KATHY--BATMAN MARRIED TO BATWOMAN! BUT IT COULDN'T HAPPEN...OR COULD IT?...ZZzzZ...
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK
TIME PASSES--AND THEN...
DICK--WAKE UP! WE DID IT! KATHY AND I GOT MARRIED!
I FINALLY MADE BRUCE REALIZE HOW LONELY A BACHELOR'S LIFE IS--AND HE PROPOSED!
Y-YOU'RE M-MARRIED--REALLY MARRIED?
YES, DICK--AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'LL BE LIKE A MOTHER TO YOU!
LATER, AS KATHY HAPPILY GOES UPSTAIRS TO INSPECT HER NEW HOME...
DID YOU TELL HER, YOU'RE BATMAN?
NOT YET! I'M SAVING THAT LITTLE SURPRISE FOR AWHILE! I WANT HER TO GET USED TO THE IDEA OF BEING MRS. WAYNE BEFORE I TELL HER SHE'S MRS. BATMAN, TOO!
THAT NIGHT, AS THEY DINE, BRUCE SEES A FAMILIAR SIGNAL...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! HEADQUARTERS IS PAGING ME! HOW CAN I GET AWAY FOR AWHILE WITHOUT MAKING KATHY SUSPICIOUS? HMM-MM! THE GRAPEFRUIT GIVES ME AN IDEA...
SPOONING THE GRAPEFRUIT, BRUCE SUDDENLY CRIES OUT AND BLINKS FURIOUSLY...
OH, YOU POOR DARLING--DID YOU GET SOME JUICE IN YOUR EYE?
KATHY DOESN'T KNOW BRUCE IS ONLY PRETENDING--SO HE CAN WINK AT ME IN CODE--TELLING ME TO DIAL ONE OF OUR OWN PHONE NUMBERS!
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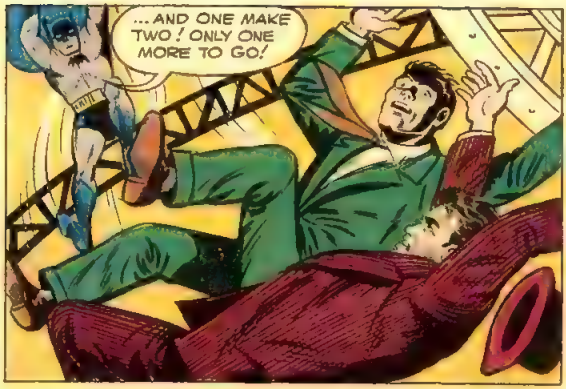
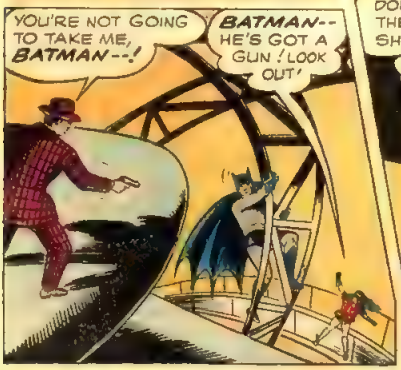
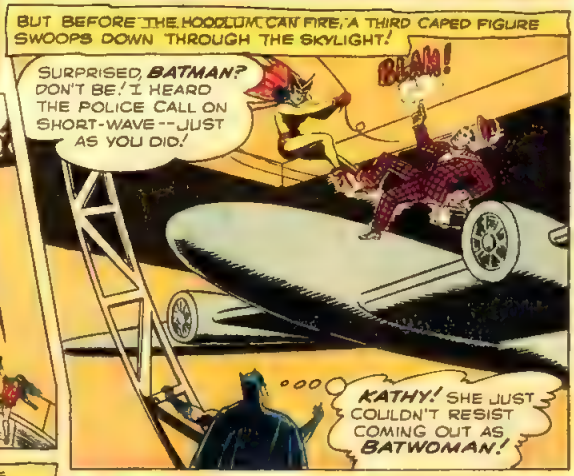
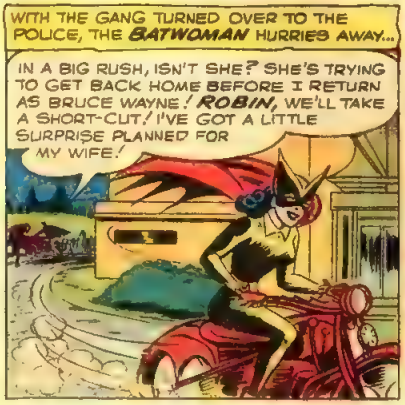
MOMENTS AFTER DICK HAS CALLED FROM ANOTHER ROOM...
I'M SORRY, HONEY--THAT WAS MY BUSINESS PARTNER! I'VE GOT TO MEET HIM RIGHT AWAY! SOMETHING URGENT HAS COME UP!
AND I'M NOT LYING, SINCE DICK IS MY PARTNER--AND OUR BUSINESS IS CRIME-FIGHTING!
LEFT ALONE, KATHY BECOMES RESTLESS...
I'M SO BORED! BRUCE IS OUT--AND DICK JUST LEFT, SAYING HE HAD TO MEET A FRIEND! MAYBE I OUGHT TO GO OUT MYSELF! HMM! THE BAT-SIGNAL CALLING BATMAN! MAYBE I WILL GO!
LUCKILY, I PACKED MY COSTUME! I'LL HELP BATMAN-- AND GET BACK BEFORE BRUCE RETURNS!
AND SO IT IS THAT TWO VEHICLES SPEED TO THE SCENE OF A CRIME BEAMED ON A POLICE ALARM...
WOULDN'T BRUCE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW HE'S MARRIED TO THE BATWOMAN!
WOULDN'T KATHY BE SURPRISED TO KNOW SHE'S MARRIED TO THE BATMAN!
SOON AFTER, AT AN AIRPORT TERMINAL WHERE BANDITS HAVE JUST LOOTED ITS SAFE OF VALUABLES...
ULP! BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY'VE GOT US BLOCKED OFF!
QUICK--UP THAT RAMP TO THE SKYLIGHT!
AS THE THIEVES RACE UP THE DISPLAY SYMBOLIZING THE AIRLINE'S GLOBE-CIRCLING ROUTES, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS CLOSE IN...
SPLIT UP! BATMAN CAN'T CHASE US ALL IF WE DO THAT!
MAYBE I CAN--WITH AN ASSIST FROM MY SILKEN ROPE!

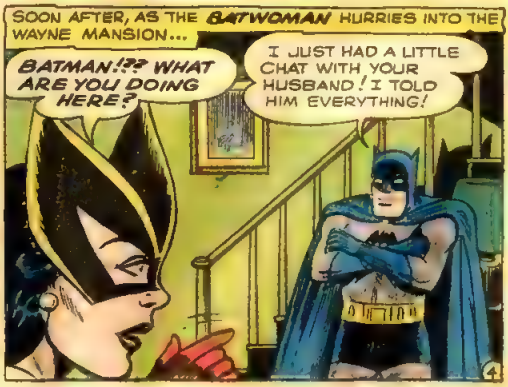
LASSOING THE NOSE OF THE PLANE, BATMAN SWINGS OUT...
ONE...


...AND ONE MAKE TWO! ONLY ONE MORE TO GO!


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ME, BATMAN--!
BATMAN--HE'S GOT A GUN! LOOK OUT!

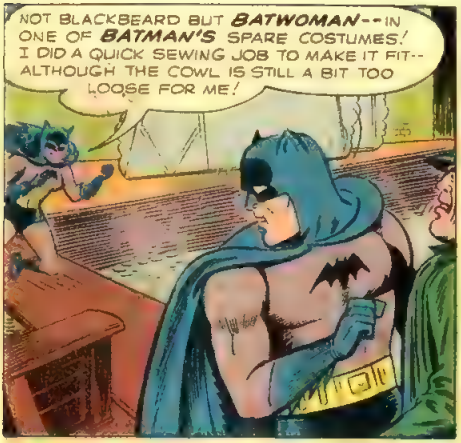

BUT BEFORE THE HOODLUM CAN FIRE, A THIRD CAPED FIGURE SWOOPS DOWN THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT!
SURPRISED, BATMAN? DON'T BE! I HEARD THE POLICE CALL ON SHORT-WAVE--JUST AS YOU DID!
BLAM!
KATHY! SHE JUST COULDN'T RESIST COMING OUT AS BATWOMAN!


WITH THE GANG TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, THE BATWOMAN HURRIES AWAY...
IN A BIG RUSH, ISN'T SHE? SHE'S TRYING TO GET BACK HOME BEFORE I RETURN AS BRUCE WAYNE! ROBIN, WE'LL TAKE A SHORT-CUT! I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE PLANNED FOR MY WIFE!

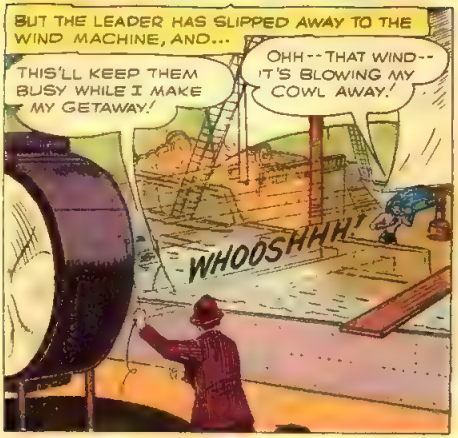

SOON AFTER, AS THE BATWOMAN HURRIES INTO THE WAYNE MANSION...
BATMAN!?? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I JUST HAD A LITTLE CHAT WITH YOUR HUSBAND! I TOLD HIM EVERYTHING!

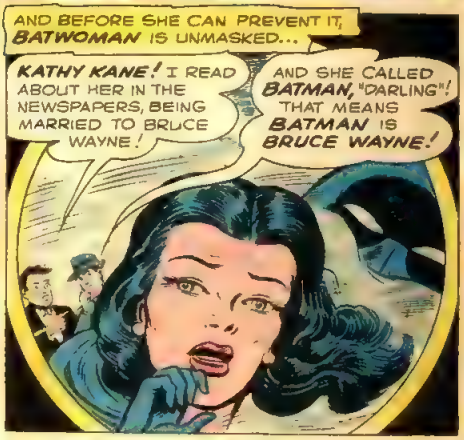
YOUR HUSBAND WANTS TO TALK TO YOU DOWNSTAIRS! THIS WAY...
THROUGH THAT GRANDFATHER CLOCK? THAT'S A STRANGE ENTRANCE TO A BASEMENT!
DESCENDING, THE ASTONISHED BATWOMAN FINDS HERSELF IN A LIMESTONE CAVERN WITH UNIQUE EQUIPMENT...
WHY, THIS--THIS IS THE BAT-CAVE! AND IF THE BAT-CAVE IS UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, YOU MUST BE--
YES, KATHY--I'M BRUCE WAYNE!
OH, DARLING--I'M THE LUCKIEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD! IMAGINE--BATMAN--MY HUSBAND!
LET'S HOPE BRUCE'S PLAN WORKS! MAYBE NOW KATHY WILL REALIZE BRUCE DOESN'T WANT HIS WIFE TO ENDANGER HER LIFE, AND SHE'LL BE CONTENT TO BE JUST A NORMAL HOUSEWIFE!
THE NEXT NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ONCE AGAIN ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL...
WAIT FOR ME! I'LL HAVE MY COSTUME ON IN A FEW MINUTES!
NOW LOOK, KATHY--ONE CRIME-FIGHTER IN THE FAMILY IS ENOUGH! A WIFE'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME!
A WIFE'S PLACE IS WITH HER HUSBAND!
BUT, KATHY--SUPPOSE YOU WERE UNMASKED? YOU'D BE RECOGNIZED AS THE WIFE OF BRUCE WAYNE--AND THEN THE UNDERWORLD WOULD KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY! YOU COULD JEOPARDIZE MY CAREER!
DON'T BE SILLY, DARLING--THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN!
PERHAPS--BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE IT CAN'T HAPPEN TONIGHT--I HID YOUR ONLY COSTUME! LET'S GO, ROBIN!

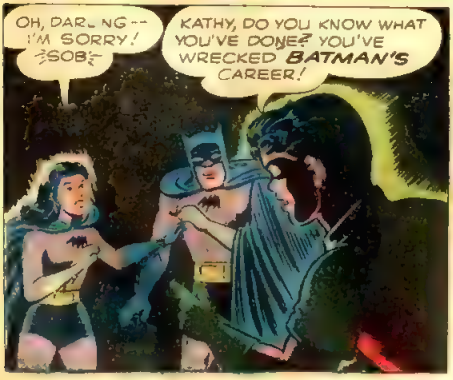
ON A MOVIE SET, A REAL CRIME IS UNDERWAY...
BOSS, YOU SURE WE CAN GRAB SILVER HERE?
SURE! ALL STUDIOS HAVE A CHEMICAL PROCESS FOR RECOVERING THE SILVER FROM THE SILVER NITRATE COATING OF DISCARDED FILMS! THE SILVER IS STORED IN THE STUDIO SAFE!
AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE STORED IN A PRISON CELL!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! QUICK-- WE'LL CUT ACROSS THAT PIRATE SHIP--!
BUT THE ACROBATMAN AND ROBIN MAKE A DARING DIVE TO THE SHIP'S GANGPLANK...
THIS IS ONE PIRATE SHIP PLANK...
TWANG
...THAT ISN'T WALKED!
WHIPPING UP CUTLASSES FROM THE DECK, THE BANDITS TRY TO BEAT OFF THE ATTACK...
SHIVER MY TIMBERS! I ALMOST EXPECT TO SEE BLACKBEARD POPPING IN ANY MINUTE!

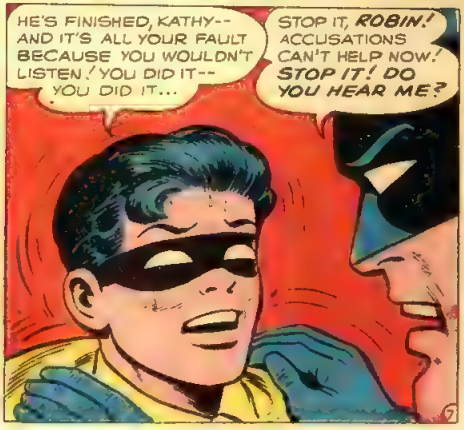

NOT BLACKBEARD BUT BATWOMAN--IN ONE OF BATMAN'S SPARE COSTUMES! I DID A QUICK SEWING JOB TO MAKE IT FIT--ALTHOUGH THE COWL IS STILL A BIT TOO LOOSE FOR ME!

STAY OUT OF THIS! ROBIN AND I CAN HANDLE THIS!
DON'T BE SILLY, DARLING--WHY SHOULDN'T I HELP AS LONG AS I'M HERE?


BUT THE LEADER HAS SLIPPED AWAY TO THE WIND MACHINE, AND...
THIS'LL KEEP THEM BUSY WHILE I MAKE MY GETAWAY!
OHH--THAT WIND--IT'S BLOWING MY COWL AWAY!
WHOOSHHH!


AND BEFORE SHE CAN PREVENT IT, BATWOMAN IS UNMASKED...
KATHY KANE! I READ ABOUT HER IN THE NEWSPAPERS, BEING MARRIED TO BRUCE WAYNE!
AND SHE CALLED BATMAN, "DARLING"! THAT MEANS BATMAN IS BRUCE WAYNE!


OH, DAR..NG--I'M SORRY! :SOB:
KATHY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE? YOU'VE WRECKED BATMAN'S CAREER!


HE'S FINISHED, KATHY--AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN! YOU DID IT--YOU DID IT...
STOP IT, ROBIN! ACCUSATIONS CAN'T HELP NOW! STOP IT! DO YOU HEAR ME?

DO YOU HEAR ME? WAKE UP!
BRUCE!
FINE THING! I COME BACK FROM A DATE AND INSTEAD OF FINDING YOU IN BED, I FIND YOU ASLEEP IN A CHAIR!
OHH! THEN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN! IT WAS ALL A DREAM! YOU DIDN'T MARRY KATHY!
I--MARRY KATHY? I EXPECT SOME DAY I WILL MARRY! KATHY, EH? WELL, SHE'S A NICE GIRL! WHO KNOWS--WHO KNOWS?
GOLLY! WHAT IF BRUCE DOES MARRY KATHY SOME DAY? WILL MY DREAM COME TRUE? OH, GOSH--GOSH!
THE END

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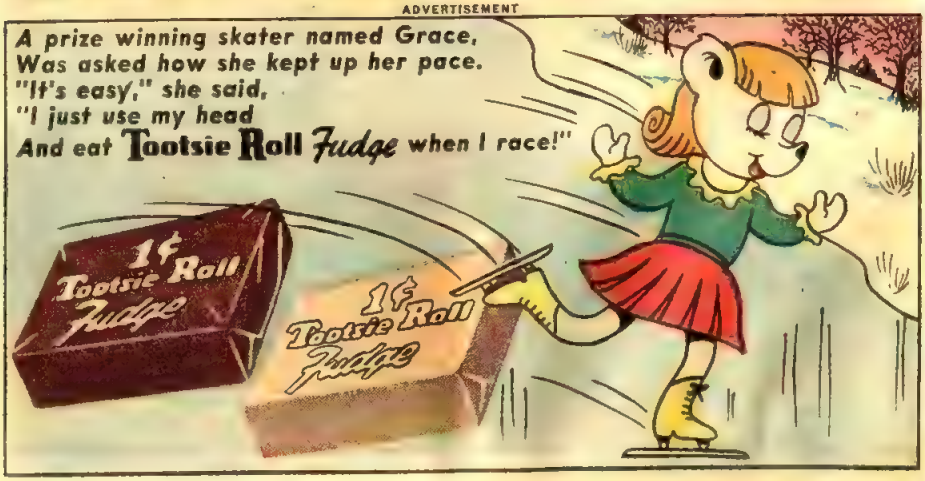
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